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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

To His Excellency,
Hon. Henry H. Blood,
Governor of Utah.

Dear Sir:-

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Utah School for the Deaf and the Blind, it is a pleasure for me to present the biennial report for the period ending June 30, 1938. Following this brief report will be found those of Superintendent Driggs, the school's physicians, and the executive secretary of the adult blind. To these detailed accounts your attention is respectfully directed.

Again we are deeply grateful to you for generously making an allotment of funds so necessary for the proper financing of the school during the present biennium. Without this added money the school would have been in serious financial difficulties.

Early this year, 1938 one of the members of the Board, Mrs. Eva F. Corey, who had served as secretary of the Board for thirty-eight years, found it necessary because of ill health, to tender her resignation. The members of the Board are deeply appreciative of the years of faithful service of Mrs. Corey and wish me to express in this public document their gratitude to her for those many years of loyal and efficient work as an official of the State.

The Board of Trustees heartily approves the recommendation of Superintendent Driggs for a modern, well-equipped shop building and a gymnasium with adequate apparatus. We hope you will find it possible to approve

this request either through a special appropriation, or in a building program.

In conclusion may I add a word of praise for the teachers and employees. The work they do every day and the excellent training they give to our deaf and blind children is deserving of commendation.

Very sincerely,
L. L. Daines, M. D.
President Board of Trustees.

Members of the Board
Dr. L. L. Daines
Hon. George S. Eccles
Dr. Robert R. Hampton
Rabbi Samuel H. Gordon
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Hon. Joseph Chez

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the Board of Trustees,

Mr. President and Members:-

Every two years since 1901 I have had the honor of submitting the biennial report of this institution. This one, the nineteenth, covers the years, July 1, 1936 to June 30, 1938. Appended to the report may be found those of the physicians and the executive secretary of the adult blind, as well as some financial statistics and other information.

Health

During the biennium we have had several epidemics of children's diseases, but no sickness of a very serious nature. The pupils have enjoyed good health all the while.

Attendance

The average enrollment of pupils in the school for the deaf over a period of twenty-five years is 126.4, during the last five years 149.6. In the school for the blind the average for twenty-five years is 30.2, and for the past five years it is 28. The number of deaf children has gradually increased up to 1934. Since then there has been a decrease. The number of blind children has dropped since 1916.

The following table gives the enrollment over the last ten years:

	School for the Deaf			School for the Blind			
Year	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Total
1928-29	57	52	109	20	12	32	141
1929-30	64	53	117	18	11	29	146
1930-31	70	52	122	19	16	35	157

1931-32	80	50	130	17	12	29	159
1932-33	81	50	131	16	12	28	159
1933-34	89	59	148	15	10	25	173
1934-35	98	66	164	17	11	28	192
1935-36	90	63	153	15	14	29	182
1936-37	84	59	143	18	13	31	174
1937-38	81	59	140	16	11	27	167
*1938-39	81	55	136	14	15	29	165

*Estimated.

Graduates

The following students, having completed the required course of study, have been awarded high school diplomas:

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Paul Baldridge	Salt Lake City, Utah.
Donald Jensen	Hyrum, Utah.
Marie McTee	Rock Springs, Wyo.
Stanford Sagers	Enterprise Utah.
William Watson	Salt Lake City, Utah.

New Buildings

The most needed improvements at the school are a modern shop building completely equipped and a larger gymnasium with proper apparatus. The present shop and gymnasium structure is an old one of cheap construction and is entirely inadequate to meet our needs.

The carpenter shop, located in the basement, is not half large enough for the many deaf boys who are willing and anxious to become skilled in woodworking, cabinet-making, etc. The printing office occupies the second floor. The heavy cylinder press, now standing on an improvised shock-bumper platform, must be run at slow speed to prevent constant vibration of the building.

The room used as a gymnasium is too small, necessitating our going to other gymnasiums for all contesting

league games. Deaf and blind children must have physical training and corrective gymnastics daily. Special apparatus is an absolute necessity if our boys and girls are to be helped to grow physically strong men and women.

My earnest hope is that you will ask Governor Blood to include in the budget sufficient funds for the building and equipping of a shop building and a gymnasium. It is possible that these two buildings might be included in a new building program, or under a P.W.A. project.

Field Officer

A recent survey in the two largest cities of Utah reveals several hundreds of deaf and hard of hearing adults. There has been no permanent record nor follow-up of pupils who leave this school, nor of those who become deaf in later years. Therefore, there is great need of a field officer to serve as a counselor and intermediary; to assist in securing employment to span the gap between employer and deaf employee, to organize classes in lip reading and speech correction, to complete a state survey and to compile permanent records.

The Utah Association of the Deaf in their recent convention passed a resolution requesting that something of this nature be done at the coming session of the Legislature. Their president has presented the matter to me and hopes we will approve their request.

My recommendation is that our school law be changed, if necessary, in order that we may be permitted to set up a department for this important work.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — ELEVEN BIENNIUMS

Years	Misc. Receipts	Land Fund	Appropriations	Total
1915-17	$16,343	$28.891	$154,200	$199,434
1917-19	18,345	26,404	131,523	176,272
1919-21	23,574	33,693	152,999	210,266
1921-23	21,849	33,710	139,900	195,459
1923-25	13.474	32,482	131,890	177,846
1925-27	15,952	43,385	129,400	188,737
1927-29	20,691	38,342	135,753	194,786
1929-31	20,618	36,259	141,700	198,577
1931-33	16,146	21,396	142,000	177,542
1933-35	34,448	20,378	95,000	149,824
1935-37	28,352	25,878	*115,000	169,229
Average	20,890	30,983	133,578	185,270

*Special Allotment $10,000.00.

AVERAGE EXPENDITURES FOR SEVEN BIENNIUMS

Year	Salaries	Office	Travel	Maint.	Repairs	Equip.	Total
1923 25	116,059	2,128	2,092	48,115	5,030	4,379	177,803
1925-27	116,287	2,518	936	46,953	6,175	12,843	185,722
1927-29	130,386	2,514	571	47,542	6,593	6,493	194,098
1929-31	131,707	2,786	1;216	49,736	5,381	7,689	198,516
1931-33	129,675	2,768	713	38,762	4,254	2,206	178,383
1933-35	106,308	3,348	756	34,719	2,314	726	149,853
1935-37	116,760	2,964	1,004	39,890	3,604	3,008	169,229
Average	121,026	2,718	1,041	43,674	4,764	5,335	179,086

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Biennal Period July 1, 1935 to June 30, 1937

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	$105,000.00	
Special Allotment	10,000.00	
Land Fund	25,877.81	
Miscellaneous fees	28,351.63	
		$169,229.44

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$116,760.37	
Office	2,963.86	
Travel	1,003.77	
Maintenance	39,889.94	
Repairs	3,603.66	
Equipment	3,007.55	
Insurance	2,000.00	
Total	$169,229.15	
Unexpended	.29	
		$169.229.44

First Half of Biennium (1937-39) July 1, 1937 to June 30, 1938.

RECEIPTS

Appropriation (2 yrs)	$115,000.00	
Special Allotment	10,000.00	
Land Fund (1 year)	10,521.69	
Miscellaneous fees (1 year)	14,387.80	
		$149,909.49

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$ 61,371.88	
Office	1,453.11	
Travel	248.46	
Maintenance	18,274.59	
Repairs	1,302.05	
Equipment	1,139.56	
Expenditures (1 year)		$ 83,789.65
Balance July 1, 1938		$ 66,119.84

BUDGET FOR 1939-41

The following budget for the biennium 1939-41 has been presented to the budget department:

Salaries	$126,000.00
Office	3,200.00
Travel	2,000.00
Maintenance	42,000.00
Repairs	5,000.00
Equipment	14,000.00
Total	$192,200.00
Less Estimated Fees	50,000.00
Net	$142,200.00
Shop Building	75,000.00
Gymnasium	75,000.00
Total Net Appropriation Requested	$292,200.00

UTAH COMMISION FOR THE ADULT BLIND

Biennial Period July 1, 1935 to June 30, 1937.

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	$ 10,000.00	
Receipts	7,424.16	
		$ 17,424.16

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$ 5,657.50	
Maintenance	10,479.42	
Travel	1,187.66	
	$ 17,424.58	
Auditor's correction	.44	
	$ 17,424.14	
Unexpended	.02	
		$ 17,424.16

First Half Biennial Period July 1, 1937 to June 30, 1938

RECEIPTS

Appropriation (2years)	$ 11,000.00	
Receipts (1year)	5 183.51	
		$ 16,183.51

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries (1 year)	$ 2,290.20	
Maintenance (1 year)	7,715.10	
Travel	736.38	
Expenditures (1 year)		$ 10,741.68
Unexpended balance July 1, 1938		$ 5,441.83

BUDGET FOR 1939-41

Salaries	$ 3,600.00
Maintenance	19,000.00
Travel	1,600.00
Repairs, Equipment, Improvements	3,600.00
Total	$27 800.00
Less Estimated Fees	11,700.00
Total Net Appropriation Requested	$16,100.00

CONCULSION

In concluding permit me to express my gratitude to you for your continued interest in all that pertains to the advancement of the school and the well-being of the children. May I also express deeply my thanks to the entire staff for their devotion and efficient service.

Very respectfully submitted,

Frank M. Driggs
Superintendent

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REPORT OF THE PHYSICIANS

Mr. Frank M. Driggs, Superintendent,
Utah School for the Deaf and the Blind,
Ogden, Utah.

Dear Mr. Driggs:-

All the children are given a routine physical and dental examination upon entering school, and thereafter at specified times. The following list is compiled from our hospital record showing major case treated during the biennium of July 1, 1936 to June 30, 1938:

Antitoxin for diphtheria	24
Serum for whooping cough	27
Vaccinations for small-pox	22
Serum sickness	3
Whooping cough	7
Scarlet fever	7
Chicken-pox	11
Measles	13
German measles	9
Fractions and dislocations	9
Tonsillectomies	8
Bronchitis	6
Rheumatism	1
Infected knee	7
Epileptic	1
Endocarditis	2
Eye cases	1
Dermatitis	16
Streptococcis throat	1
Burns	1

Very truly yours,
H. E. Robinson, M.D.
LeRoy Pugmire, M.D.

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Report Of The Executive Secretary

Utah Commisson for the Blind

Mr. Frank M. Driggs, Superintendent,
Utah School for the Deaf and the Blind,
Ogden, Utah.

Dear Sir:-

Two years ago, the report of the Utah Commission for the Adult Blind was largely the history of the WPA project of home teaching and sight-conservation sponsored by the Commission. This project has continued through the period with the addition of two young blind men and two seeing women, bringing the total to seventeen. The activities of these workers, insofar as they depart fom those described in the 1936 report, will be detailed in later paragraphs.

The story of the work for the closing biennium revolves around the new Center for the Blind. In 1936, I told of the congested conditions at the old shop at 135 Motor Avenue, Salt Lake City, and recommended removal to new quarters. The old Unitarian Church at 138 South Second East was taken under lease with option to buy and, on November 7, 1936, the shop set up business in the basement of this building. The Lions Club and other organizations campaigned for an appropriation to make the structure our permanent home and, through the efforts of Senator J. W. Thornton and Representative Sol J. Selvin, an emergency grant of $15,000.00 was made by the Legislature. About $9,500.00 went to the purchase and $5,500.00 to remodeling. After specifications were drawn, building costs increased twenty-five per cent and some of the important items of repair and reconstruction had to be eliminated. Despite this curtailment, a most

attractive and practical home for all our work was created. On November 4, 1937, with the governor, members of the Board, and many distinguished citizens present, the Center for the Blind was dedicated and a new era of service to our charges was begun.

The main floor of the building contains a large auditorium where many parties and dances as well as lectures and concerts are given by the Utah Association for the Blind. On this floor, also, there are a well-equipped kitchen, a men's smoking-room and a class-room. The lower floor has a pleasant office, a salesroom, a printing room, and shops for broom-making, brush-work, reed-ware, and weaving. A modern heating plant was installed in the basement.

The term "Center" describes the building and its activities. All the services for all the blind of Utah center here. The blind regard it as their home, a building erected for them alone, a concrete symbol of the benefits accorded them by a progressive and sympathetic State. They enter it with a sense of ownership and a feeling of affection. Within its walls, they find recreation and pastime, culture and entertainment, re-education and rehabilitation, counsel and encouragement, and finally, practical work for an honest wage.

The publicity attending the activities of the Center has kept it in the minds of everyone. More blind people have joined the Braille, handicraft and academic classes and more come to social functions. The blind from over the state bring their problems to our office and agencies wanting advice in caring for those without sight call daily at the Center. The buying public is more keenly aware of our products and sales have increased materially. We employ nearly three times as many workers as in 1936 and we pay each one nearly seventy-five per cent more in wages. In every respect, the Center has justified itself.

Acknowledgement must be made of the numerous gifts that have been made. Park Commissioner Patrick

H. Goggin sent a force of men to grade and sod with a beautiful lawn our unsightly front lot. The State Road Commission graded and loamed the rear lot for spring seeding. Dr. H. H. Ramsey of the State Training School sent a group of his boys from American Fork to paint the exterior of the building. A number of prominent citizens such as President Heber J. Grant, Mr. Heber Nielson of the Salt Lake Lions Club, Mr. Ernest Bamberger, and Mr. Russell Tracy gave $280.00 for auditorium chairs. Mr. Edward T. Smith gave a piano and Mr. John Koch presented and installed a drinking fountain. One of our teachers, Mr. Clifton Patterson, donated a beautiful electric chime clock and Mrs. Elizabeth Wood put another electric clock in the auditorium. Two gas ranges, one from the Mountain Fuel Company and one from Mrs. Ray C. Brown, were set up in the kitchen and numerous small articles came from other friends. The Bethlehem Shrine, No. 1, White Shrine of Jerusalem fitted the auditorium with drapes and the Salt Lake Chapter of the Association for the Blind gave money to decorate the classroom. Had it not been for this generosity, the Center because of the insufficient appropriation, would have been sparsely furnished.

Two years ago, we expected the building to meet our needs for years to come. So rapid has been the growth, however, that we have already crowded it to overflowing. The broom department is none too large for the men and their machines but it now has to serve also as a storehouse for corn and finished brooms. The loom room is even more crowded. We have had to take needed office and classroom space for workshop purposes and have had to use the hallways for storage, creating a worry and a hazard for the blind men and women who have to move about among the piles of lumber and boxes of materials.

To relieve this congestion in all departments, I recommend the erection of an addition at the rear of the building. A WPA architect has drawn plans for such a

structure, which should meet our needs for some years. This annex would carry the building twenty feet farther west and would be two stories high. It would be of brick construction, conforming with the original. On the ground floor, there would be a room twenty by forty and, on the second, three rooms suitable for printing shop clasroom, and women's lounge. The concrete floor of the first story would carry our heavy machinery and give a safe place for all our wet work. Our old wooden floors are not adapted to vibrating machines or to the dampness of broom and reed work.

These same plans contemplate minor alterations in other parts of the old section. Lath and plaster walls would replace all the flimsy partitions in several rooms. The basement would be extended to twice its size, providing storage space and a small machine shop. Dangerous staircases would be made safe and certain fire hazard removed.

A WPA project for this work would cost the state about $2,000.00 for materials. The government would supply all labor and some materials, totaling $6,000.00. The state would thus obtain an $8,000.00 addition for an outlay of only $2,000.00. I recommend that this item be included in the budget request for the biennium.

Another reason for erecting this extension at the earliest posible date is the assured business coming from the U. S. Government under the provisions of the Wagner-O'Day Act. This law requires the federal departments to buy brooms, mops, and other products from accredited shops for the blind. The Utah shop will qualify for this work and should be able to increase its output materially. In order to meet government specifications, we shall require the best of machinery and more working space. As ours is the only work shop for the blind between Denver and the Pacific Coast we should be in a strategic position to supply a large government demand. In which case, we should be prepared to meet this trade when it

arrives within the next few months.

Besides the creation of the Center, other factors have assisted in strengthening our business. Previous to January 1st of this year, authority in the shop was distributed and there was little unity of action. At that time, you assigned to me complete control of all departments and I appointed Mr. Harry Harter, one of our field teachers, as shop foreman. Immediately we installed a cost accounting system, improved our production methods, and revised the working technique of most of the employees. A noticeable cut in costs and an upturn in output and quality followed at once. Mr. Harter went into other employment later and was succeeded by Mr. Marion W. Wilkensen, an expert craftsman. Under Mr. Wilkensen, the system and the quality have improved even more. Mrs. Jane Weaver in the rug department has also lifted up the standard of design, workmanship, and production in her division. Our rugs are now much more than mere floor coverings. They are excellent in construction and in artistic pattern. Likewise, brushes and reedwork are more durable and attractive and our new industry of rubber mat making from old tire is winning repeat customers all over the state. Under systematized control accurate accounting, and improved skill, we have developed a shop of which we are most proud.

Another change that has meant greater efficiency is the localized accounting in our own office. Formerly, this work was done at your school and all payrolls, bills, claims, etc. had to go to Ogden for clearance. On July 1st, you turned this responsibility over to me. The added work was at first overwhelming but, thanks to your frequent visits and aid from the State Auditor's office, we are mastering this assignment also. Having these accounts in our own control and ready at hand gives us immediate check upon costs and income and keeps us acutely aware at all times of our financial situation. It also facilitates purchasing and hastens payment of indebtedness.

Another change that has tended to facilitate our work is the return of shop administration to the Board of Trustees of the School for the Deaf and the Blind, legally constituted Utah Commission for the Adult Blind. When the independent Commission was disbanded in 1921, an Auxiliary Committee, composed of six men and women interested in the blind, was created by the Board to direct the work shop. For six years I was chairman of the Committee and was succeeded by Mr. Henry Richardson of Salt Lake City. These public spirited citizens served faithfully and gave wise counsel and active support to the cause during the years of their incumbency. When the Center was opened and all departments of the work were integrated under one roof and in one office, it was natural that the coordinated service should be made responsible to one authority. The Board, therefore, relieved the Auxiliary Committee of its duties and acknowledged with deep appreciation its long and effective devotion to the interests of the Work Shop. A subcommittee of the Board, Rabbi Samuel H. Gordon, chairman, Dr. Lyman L. Daines and Dr. Robert R. Hampton, members, took over the direction of all adult activities in November, 1937. This is a practical arrangement since it concentrates management directly in the hands of a few who can give closer attention to details than can a larger group with diffused authority. These three gentlemen are interested in the entire program and are always available for consultation and official aid.

As cited above, the WPA project for the education of the blind has grown and expanded. Einar Magdiel and Iliff Jeffery, two young blind men, former students of the Utah School for the Blind and both college graduates were employed to print a Braille monthly magazine for state circulation. WPA was unable, through regulations to purchase equipment for this work and the two editors were driven to great ingenuity to make stereotypers and presses. Later Mr. Jeffery was transferred to field work

and Mr. Magdiel continued with the publishing of the "News Letter." He has worked for several months, trying to convert clothes wringers, tailor's presses, and other machines into suitable Braille presses. It is hoped that the 1939 appropriation will allow the purchase of some machinery for this popular monthly.

Field teaching has continued as reported two years ago. The emphasis has been placed largely upon handicrafts for the sake of vocational therapy and manual training. Some beautiful and practical articles have been produced by the women especially. At the State Fairs of 1937 and 1938, a total of more than one hundred of these products were exhibited. Eighty-two prizes were awarded and about $100.00 in cash realized by these home workers. A class of elderly women, several of them from the County Infirmary, meets twice weekly at the Center at Salt Lake under the direction of Mrs. Kathryn A. Thompson. They are now working on a project to decorate the classroom, making drapes, couchcovers, cushions and table scarfs. At Ogden, you have delighted the Weber County class, under the Misses Mary and Esther Elmer, by providing and beautifying a room at your school for their use. Mr. Carl Lind also, appreciates the space that you have given him for his orchestra class. This music instruction at Ogden and Salt Lake City has brightened the lives of a number of the blind who have not had the privilege of such training in their youth. Mr. Lind's orchestras have made several public appearances, inspiring the men with a fine sense of achievement. Miss Esther Elmer is now opening a music and handicraft class at Logan which promises excellent results.

Outstanding for the period has been the work in sight conservation. At Murray, Mr. Will Nichol of our WPA staff, in co-operation with the Lions Club and the Utah Association for the Blind, put on a series of concerts and raised $300.00 for eye care in that city. A number of school children were provided with glasses and some

adults were treated. An interesting case was that of a young wife and mother who was given a contact lens to correct conical cornea. By the use of this new aid, the woman, who normally has two per cent vision, is given usable sight ninety per cent strong. For the first time in her life she has been able to see the features of her loved ones. She can now attend baseball games and picture shows and do all her housework unaided.

James W. Jacobs has raised money at several concerts and has given hospital and physical care to a number of adults. At Tintic, he has raised a considerable fund for glasses for school children. It is always stimulating to me to see how these teachers in the field get results when there is a case of threatened blindness or restorable vision presented to them. They lay siege to the relatives, to the church, the Lions Clubs, county and welfare officials, and the general public until they have the money or the necessary concessions in their hands. Miss Blanche Lamb in her thinly settled territory, often travels a hundred miles to visit one prospective case, doing this time and again until the patient is on his way to a doctor or a hospital. Mr. C. Leon Gibson and Miss Zella Pessetto are likewise as resourceful and persistent. Reports from all teachers show a total of eighty-two cases treated during the period, with sight restoration in twenty-one, oncoming blindness arrested in eight, and sight improvement in thirty-seven. The high percentage of results is due to the fact that an exhaustive diagnosis is made by a competent oculist before a case is accepted.

Mrs. Hazel Layne, working in the public schools of Ogden discovered more than a hundred children in serious need of glasses, or medical treatment. By intensive follow-up work she persauded parents and social agencies to provide for most of these cases. When she left the project to go into another work, there were still several Ogden schools not surveyed.

A dramatic case came to our aid through the publicity given the sight conservation campaign. John W. Deering, condemned to be shot at the State Prison early in November of this year, was persuaded to will his eyes to the State for corneal transplant to the eyes of some Utah blind person. This action came through a representative of the Salt Lake Telegram, which had publicized much of our sight-saving work. The newspaper man conferred with me several days before the story reached the public and I made every endeavor to find a Utahn who could use the healthy corneas. Several of our blind were sent to eye physicians for examination but none was found who could be benefited by the transplant. At my suggestion, then, the local authorities communicated with a San Francisco specialist who we knew had a long waiting list for such an operation. Perhaps the last message to reach Deering from the outside world was my thanks for his generous donation. He expressed his gratitude at being able to atone to some extent by aiding in the cause of sight conservation. Immediately after the execution the eyes were sent to San Francisco by air and the corneas transferred to the injured eyes of three California persons. It is still too early to predict the results. This case received nation-wide attention in the press and over radio and served to focus attention on the campaign being waged against necessary blindness.

Another striking instance of sight-service was that in a family of Salt Lake County. Three of the eight children in this family were nearly blind. All were mentally subnormal. The home conditions were most deplorable. There was filth everywhere. The children were half clad and had to borrow clothing from each other when they went out. They were ill-fed and in poor health. The mother was in her tenth pregnancy in fifteen years. The father was on probation from a prison sentence. Six agencies had wrestled with the problem but had had no success. Assisted by a committee of Salt Lake

Lions, I placed the three blind children in the County Hospital where they underwent a series of successful eye operations. I later had them transferred to the American Fork Training School and they are still in that institution, happy, healthy, clean, and progressing as best as they can with their mental handicap.

We are hampered in our efforts for prevention and sight conservation by lack of funds. In some states, the Social Security program provides money for this purpose. I have asked the State Department of Public Welfare for aid in this particular field but find there are legal restrictions against it. I recommend that the law be amended to make mandatory upon the Welfare Department the allocation of a sum for eye treatment among relief clients. The Utah Association for the Blind is circulating a petition to have, among other revisions of the Social Security Act, such a fund set up.

As reported in 1936 there has been excellent cooperation between the Commission and the State and County Departments of Public Welfare. In matters of Aid for the Blind, local case workers and officials have been as liberal as the law permits in both accepting $25.78, which is about average for western states. The weakness in the law, however, lies in its rigid restrictions where the blind are concerned. Among the eleven western states, Utah stands seventh in the number per 100,000 of general population accepted for Aid for the Blind. The Old Age Assistance law, under pressure from organized groups, was made much more liberal by the 1937 Legislature. The federal Social Security Act, under Title X, gives the blind the same status as the aged but a bill presented to the last Legislature to equalize the rights of the blind with those of the aged was lost summarily. The aged now receive payments as a matter of law. The blind receive as a matter of grant. The Utah Association for the blind is circulating a petition to ask the 1939 Legislature to put the two groups upon an equal basis so

that more blind may receive this necessary aid and that it may be given as an award under the law and not as a budgetary grant based upon variable case work interpretations. The Association is also asking that an expert in work for the blind be employed on the State Welfare Departments to look after the interests of the Aid recipients and integrate the relief program with the educational and vocational work of the Commission.

In the matter of case work standards in work for the blind, Utah has attained a high place. Mr. Maurice I. Tynan, supervisor of the blind for the U.S. Office of Education, in a recent visit to Utah stated in the public press that this Commission has gone further in this respect than perhaps any other commission in the country. Our records are kept up to date and are most comprehensive in almost all cases in the state. We try to approach each client and solve each problem under the most approved case work standards. Because of this attitude, social agencies throughout the state recognize our work and accept us as co-workers. In this connection I may say that I have been appointed chairman of a national committee of prominent workers for the blind to perfect an organization of professional standing in our field in order that social workers everywhere may look upon this work as equal technically to their own. At Toronto, Ontario, in 1937 and at Seattle, Washington, this summer our committee met upon this question. It is significant that the National Conference of Social Work accepted work for the blind this year as part of its agenda, recognizing the professional character of our calling.

The place attained by Utah in the work has brought us recognition from other states. Under the auspices of the Lions and the Idaho Progressive Society for the Blind, I have made several trips into Idaho to interest officials and the public in an organized service for their blind. I conferred with authorities at Reno, Nevada, upon the same subject and am to go into that state again in the near

future to meet with Lions Clubs in the promotion of training for the blind. At Seattle in June, I spoke before a newly-formed group of home teachers at the Seattle University. Two years ago, I went into Washington to outline the Utah plan of an all-inclusive program of service to all the blind and was gratified to learn that this plan has been largely adopted in that state.

Idaho sent two young blind men, prospective teachers of the blind, to our Center last spring for a six week's intensive training in shop and field work. One of them is now at Boise, teaching the blind of that section, and the other is working at some of our handicrafts for his own profit.

Another phase of work which we have pioneered is recreation. The Center affords opportunity for regular dances and for other divertive activities. Our WPA teachers have extended this sort of training to other parts of the state. During the summer, many of our groups go into the mountains for day or week-long trips. The Salt Lake Lions continue to finance the canyon camp for the local blind. Last season we took forty-two to the Boy Scout Wigwam in Mill Creek for a week. This summer sponsorship of the Salt Lake Lions, we took a busload of we attempted an innovation in outdoor activity. Under sponsorship of the Salt Lake Lions, we took a busload of twenty blind persons and six seeing aids on a nine hundred mile trip through the national parks of southern Utah. This "Sight-Seeing Tour for the Blind" received much newspaper publicity. Various Lions Clubs along the route entertainted us and we put on several public programs for local churches and clubs. The blind tourists were enthusiastic about the new idea of recreation. They visited Bryce, Zion and the Grand Canyon as well as many other points of interest. Ranger naturalists at each park took the party in charge and explained the scenery, the geology, the history, and the flora and fauna of the locality. The blind people traversed the canyons and gained

first hand information of the marvels of our famous scenic spots.

Two gratifying placements have been made during the period. Mr. Hans W. Jensen was set up in a stand in the lobby of the Salt Lake Federal Building. Our Commission has been designated by the U. S. Office of Education to supervise these stands under the Randolph-Shepherd Act and Mr. Jensen was given the first opportunity. The Lions Club financed his equipment but he is paying the club back in monthly installments. Mr. Maurice I. Tynan of the Office of Education pronounced this stand as one of the best conducted in the country. The other placement was that of Edward Hendrickson, one of our own shop employees, in a teaching position of the American Fork Training School. Through the kind interest of Dr. H. H. Ramsey, Mr. Hendrickson is now teaching broom work, mop-making, and reedware to the children of the school. Dr. Ramsay assures me that this man is making a good record as a teacher and is also valuable for his influence over the boys under his supervision.

In all respects, I have endeavored to improve the standard of work during the biennium. The shop is much more efficient. I hold frequent conferences with the employees and try to carry out their practical suggestions. The salesmen are checked regularly and encouraged to improve their methods and to increase their sales. The field workers have attended summer school at the University of Utah each summer for the past four years. The 1938 session lasted for eight weeks. Our teahers attened classes in Adult Education, Psychology, Social Work, and Sociology. Each day, also, I held a class in professional aspects of work for the blind. Each teacher was assigned a comprehensive paper to prepare for this class. These papers required weeks of research and are for the most part well done. WPA, under whose auspices the summer session was held, is having the papers mimeographed for general distribution. Our blind teachers

made excellent records at the University and fitted in admirably with the summer school students of seven hundred.

I have recently submitted to you a budget for the next biennium, totalling $36,800. You have advised my reducing it by about one-half. I anticipated in this request the possibility that WPA might cease or might discontinue our teaching project. In that contingency, it would be deplorable if we were left with no field work. Under the present responsibility, it would be impossible for me to leave the Center for long to resume my former home teaching service. However, I defer to your wishes in this connection, appreciating your desire to maintain the adult work at its present high standard but not to push it to too great and unnatural an expansion.

In closing may I thank you for your active interest in the work of the Commission and for the confidence which you have manifested in me and my conduct of the work during the biennium. With your continued aid, I am sure that the adult blind of Utah will benefit even more from your Commission in the future than they have in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Murray B. Allen,
Executive Secretary.

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GRADUATES

Utah School for the Deaf

Name	Year of Graduation	Address	Occupation
*Earl Moore	1894	Ogden, Utah	Carpenter
Charles Stucki	1894	Paris, Idaho	Laborer
Joseph Olorenshaw	1894	Lago, Idaho	Farmer
Ezra Christensen	1895	Mapleton, Utah	Farmer
*Jacob Beck	1895	Los Angeles, Calif.	Painter
John H. Clark	1897 G.C.	Panguitch, Utah	Civil Engineer
*Elizabeth D. Savage	1897 G.C.	Flagstaff, Arizona	Teacher
Axel Amundson	1898	Los Angeles, Cal.	Photographer
*Andrew Madsen	1898	Manti, Utah	Farmer
*Nephi Larson	1898	Ogden, Utah	Carpenter
Amy Devine-Hawkins	1898	Bountiful, Utah	Wife
Charles Martin	1900	Menan, Utah	Farmer
Lillian Swift-Drake	1900 G.C.	Washington, D. C	Wife
*Mamie Young-Larsen	1901	Ogden, Utah	Wife
Joseph Cameron	1902	Ferron, Utah	Carpenter
Elgin Jacobson	1902	Salt Lake City	Carpenter
Elmo Kemp	1902‡	Denver, Colo.	Printer
*Peter Slot	1902	Wilson, Utah	Farmer
*Maggie Clotworthy-Cole	1905	Redondo, Calif.	Wife
*Joseph G. Keeley	1905	Salt Lake City	Laborer
Rufus E. Briggs	1907	San Francisco, Calif.	Laborer
Elsie Christiansen	1907	Ogden, Utah	Housemother
Lizzie Egginton-Buck	1907	Ogden, Utah	Wife
Emma Emmertson-Jorgensen	1907	Green River, Wyo.	Wife
Ivy Griggs-Low	1907	Great Falls, Mont.	Wife
Fred Low	1907	Great Falls, Mont.	Instructor
Mary Woolslayer	1907 U. of U.	Danville, Ky.	Teacher
Leona Cutler-Briggs	1908	San Francisco	Wife
Alfred C. Keeley	1908-11 G.C.	Salt Lake City	Foreman
Charles H. Buck	1908	Ogden, Utah	Laborer
John Hazel Clark	1908	Springville, Utah	Farmer
*Otto Farley	1908	Ogden, Utah	Printer
Kate O. Keeley	1908-11 G.C.	Salt Lake City	Bookkeeper
Anders Pherson	1908	Salt Lake City	Newsboy
Harvey White	1908	Beaver, Utah	Farmer
Lillian Soderberg-Cole	1908-13‡	Ogden, Utah	Wife
*Loran Savage	1910-14	Flagstaff, Arizona	Shoemaker
Arthur Wenger	1910-13 U. of U.	Salt Lake City	Chemist
Ray Wenger	1910-13 U. of U.	Salt Lake City	Chemist

*Pearl West-Farley-Brodie	1910	Heber City, Utah	Wife
Alma Wild	1910-16	Am. Fork, Utah	Auto Rep.
Maud Hall-Smitham	1912	Mackay, Idaho	Wife
Cora Hitesman	1912-16‡	Oakland, Calif	Designer
Marie Hunter-Cooper	1912-15‡	Washington D.C.	Wife
*Eric Kingsbury	1912	Malad, Idaho	Farmer
Kenneth Olsen	1912-16	Salt Lake City	Janitor
George Preece	1912	Salt Lake City	Laborer
Leo Richey	1912-15‡	Monticello	Carpenter
Naomi Wright-Olson	1912-15‡	Salt Lake City	Wife
Lucille Crow-Elben	1915	Salt Lake City	Wife
Milo Cutler	1915	Provo, Utah	Factory Worker
Rufus Elben	1915	Salt Lake City	Photographer
George Hatfield	1915	Mapleton, Utah	Laborer
Hazel Jacobson	1915	Ogden, Utah	At home
Cyril Jones	1915	Manti, Utah	Laborer
Katie Jones-Morgan	1915-19	Spanish Fork	Wife
Elsie Lamb-Hertell	1915-19	Farmington, Utah	Wife
Earl Lewis	1915	Los Angeles	Printer
Grant Morgan	1915-20‡	Spanish Fork	Shoe Rep.
Kenneth Murphy	1915‡	Trenton, N.J.	Instructor
Paul Peay	1915	Lander, Wyo.	Unemployed
Carlos Seegmiller	1915-19 U.A.C.	Ogden, Utah	Draftsman
Alice Vick	1915	Salt Lake City	At home
*Jack Waterhouse	1915	Los Angeles	Printer
Hart Wenger	1915 U. of U.	Salt Lake City	Instructor
Thomas Austin	1917-21‡	New York City	Laborer
Vida Crawford	1917	Monroe, Utah	At home
Florence Funk	1917-22	Salt Lake City	Factory Worker
Ellen Lusk	1917-21	Salt Lake City	Factory Worker
Cora Marthini	1917-21	Idaho	Wife
Violet Taylor-Zabel	1917-21	Nebraska	Wife
Gilman Stebbins	1918-21‡	Los Angeles	Laborer
*Joshua Wright	1918-21‡	Bountiful, Utah	Laborer
CatherineCrawford-Carter	1918-22	Pocatello, Idaho	Wife
Mary Eyring	1918-22	Pimo, Ariz.	At home
Irene Linderman-Smith	1918-22‡	Los Angeles	Wife
Jed Crawford	1919	Monroe, Utah	Miller
Ralph Glen	1919	Salt Lake City	Laborer
Evelyn James-Fehr	1919	Salt Lake City	Wife
Elmer Morris	1919	Ogden, Utah	Farmer
Edna Wright-Glen	1919-22‡	Salt Lake City	Wife
Gladys Jones-Schultz	1920-24	San Francisco, Calif.	Wife
Richard Knight	1920	Salt Lake City	Laborer

Mona Leckliter- ——	1920	Los Angeles	Wife
Odean Rasmussen	1920-24	Los Angeles	Laborer
Joseph Robertson	1920	Jackson, Wyo.	Farmer
John Steele	1920	Salt Lake City	Factory Worker
George Carter	1921	Pocatello, Idaho	Printer
Evan Ellis	1921-25‡	Wheeling, W. Va.	Instructor
Myrtle Jewett- ——	1921-25	Santaquin, Utah	Wife
Verda Williams-Rasmussen	1921	Los Angeles	Factory Worker
Corline Wood-Ellis	1921-25‡	Wheeling, W. Va.	Wife
Earl Ball	1922	Salt Lake City	Laborer
Ferda Billeter	1922-26	Salt Lake City	Student
Albert Bray	1922-26	Eureka, Utah	Laborer
Voyle Farmer	1922	Salt Lake City	Deliveryman
Wheelock Freston	1922-26	Mt. Pleasant, Utah	Poultryman
Leon Edwards	1922-26	Beaver, Utah	Shoe Rep.
Andy Goga	1922	Ogden, Utah	Baker
*Willis Hawkeswood	1922	Lewiston, Utah	Farmer
Elizabeth Kirk-Bray	1922	Eureka, Utah	Wife
Walter Kirk	1922	Salt Lake City	Janitor
Christine Murchie-Ball	1922	Salt Lake City	Wife
Rosa Piva	1922	Salt Lake City	At home
Vanile Stallings-Goga	1922	Ogden, Utah	Wife
Guy Despain	1923-27	Am. Fork, Utah	Saleman
Charles Fowkes	1923-27	Evanston, Wyo.	Rancher
Ethel Fowkes-Kirk	1923	Salt Lake City	Wife
Lyndon Freston	1923	Mt. Pleasant	At home
Christine Huntsman-Eddins	1923-27	Richfield, Utah	Wife
Lulus Jensen-Homan	1923	Salt Lake City	Wife
George Laramie	1923-27	Salt Lake City	Linotype Op.
Orba Sanders-Seeley	1923-27	Castle Dale, Utah	Wife
Ross Thruston	1923-27	Salt Lake City	Linotype Op.
Frank Seeley	1923-27	Castle Dale, Utah	Farmer
Heber Christensen	1924-28	Ogden, Utah	Poultry
Erma Emerson	1924	Salt Lake City	At home
Edwin Jackson	1924	Salt Lake City	Laborer
Florence Kemsley	1924	Los Angeles	At home
Signe Krantz-Fowkes	1924-28	Evanston, Wyo.	Wife
Vyrle Kunkel-Roth	1924-28	Los Angeles, Calif.	Wife
Zelma Lindquist-Moon	1924-28	Hanna, Utah	Wife
Arnold Moon	1924-28	Hanna, Utah	Farmer
Harry Nielson	1924	Mt. Pleasant	Farmer
Don Robinson	1924-28	Panguitch, Utah	Shoe Rep.
Myrtle Reese	1924-28	Wales, Utah	At home

Dorothy Booth-Glasset	1926-30	Washington, D.C.	Wife
Kenneth Burdett	1926-30	Ogden, Utah	Instructor
Edna Freston-Farmer	1926-30	Salt Lake City	Wife
Georgia Hendricks	1926-30	Salt Lake City	Temple Wkr.
Albert Price	1926	Los Angeles, Calif.	Laborer
Reta Sandberg-Rose	1926	Los Angeles, Calif.	Wife
Wayne Stewart	1926-30	Salt Lake City	Printer
Alta Woodward - ——	1926	Neola, Utah	Wife
Katie Billeter	1931	Salt Lake City	At home
Lillian Fowkes-Freston	1931	Mt. Pleasant	Wife
Frank Fullmer	1931	Orangeville, Utah	Farmer
Jennie Holton	1931	Ogden, Utah	At home
Helen Woods-Thurston	1931	Salt Lake City	Wife
Lucy Billeter	1932	Salt Lake City	Factory Wkr.
Arvel Christensen	1932	Ogden, Utah	Barber
Sherwood Messerly	1932	Ogden, Utah	Farmer
Earl Smith	1932	Wellington, Utah	Farmer
John White	1932	Salt Lake City	Printer
Dolores Atkinson	1933 G.C.	Columbus, Ohio	Teacher
Afton Curtis-Burdett	1933‡	Ogden, Utah	Wife
Joseph Burnett	1933 G.C.	Pleasant View, Ut.	Apprentice
John Glassett	1933‡	Washington, D.C.	Printer
Emily Miller	1933	Ogden, Utah	Factory Wkr.
Rodney Walker	1933 G.C.	Washington, D. C.	Student
Ned Wheeler	1933‡	Ogden, Utah	Photographer
William Woodward	1933	Neola, Utah	Farmer
Margaret Lazenby	1934	Delta, Utah	At home
Alton Fisher	1934	Clearfield, Utah	Carpenter
Verl Thorup	1935	Salt Lake City	Printer
Marie Davis	1935	Lake Side, Utah	Janitor
Oliver Langworthy	1935	Spokane, Wash	Photo.
Dorothy Moshier	1935	Salt Lake City	Factory Wkr.
Evangeline Archabal - ——	1935	Fallon, Nevada	Wife
Cleo Smith-Thorup	1935	Salt Lake City	Wife
Earl Jones	1935 G.C.	Washington, D. C.	Student
Robert Lewis	1936 G.C.	Washington, D. C.	Student
Kyle Workman	1936‡	Park City, Utah	Farmer
Earl Rogerson	1936 G.C.	Washington, D. C.	Student
Robert Sanderson	1936 G.C.	Washington, D. C.	Student
John Hoxer, III	1936	Ogden, Utah	Laborer
Fern Player	1936	Murray, Utah	At home
Joe Brandenburg	1936	Salt Lake City	Factory Worker
Melvin Penman	1936	Ogden, Utah	Farmer
Selma Kreipl	1936	Los Angeles, Calif.	——

Paul Baldridge	1938	Salt Lake City	Post Graduate
Donald Jensen	1938	Hyrum, Utah	Post Graduate
Marie McTee	1938	Rock Springs, Wyo.	At home
Stanford Sagers	1938	Enterprise, Utah	Farmer
William Watson	1938	Salt Lake City	Printer

*Deceased.
G.C.—Gallaudet College.
U. of U.—University of Utah.
U.A.C.—Utah Agricultural College
‡Some years at College.

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Name	Year of Graduation	Address	Occupation
*Murray Allen	1905-09	Salt Lake City	Ex-Secretary
Janey McClelland	1905-09	Santa Cruz, Calif.	Braille Transcriber
Thomas Biddulph	1906	Ogden, Utah	Retired
Zella Curtis-Jacobs	1906-10	Provo, Utah	Wife
Marie Hansen	1906	Salt Lake City	Unemployed
Ferrie Ross	1906	Ogden, Utah	Salesman
Ellen Youngstrom	1906-10	Ogden, Utah	Wife
Bernhard Iverson	1907	Salt Lake City	Salesman
Carl Lind	1907-11	Salt Lake City	Musician
Lulu McDonald-Hardman	1907	Salt Lake City	Wife
*William Nichols	1907-11	Holliday, Utah	Music Teacher
‡Lyverda Clawson	1911	Spring City, Utah	——
*John Carver	1911	Pocatello, Idaho	U.S. Attorney
Elnora Kotter-Biddulph	1911-16	Ogden, Utah	Wife
George Woodruff	1911	Salt Lake City	Salesman
*Arthur Henkel	1920	San Jose, Calif.	Sales Mgr.
Sara Getz	1913-17	Peoria, Illinois	Wife
Leon Gibson	1913-17	Nephi, Utah	FERA Instr.
James Jacobs	1915	Provo, Utah	FERA Instr.
Irene Jones	1915-19	Salt Lake City	FERA Instr.
‡Frank Nelson	1915	Eureka, Utah	Chiropractor
Nellie Payton	1915-19	Ogden, Utah	Wife
Scott Storey	1915	Boise, Idaho	Piano-tuner
Thomas Binnall	1918	Granger	Janitor
Linda Masero	1918-24	Ogden, Utah	Unemployed
*David Reeder	1918	Los Angeles, Calif.	Salesman
Esther Elmer	1920-24	Garland, Utah	FERA Instr.
Francis Elmer	1920	Garland, Utah	Farmer
Selma Lax	1920-24	Sandy, Utah	Invalid
Gladys McClelland	1920-24	Salt Lake City	Wife
Clifton Patterson	1920	Salt Lake City	Weaver
*Zella Pesetto	1920-24	Heiner, Utah	FERA Teacher
*Hugo Reichart	1920	Salt Lake City	Business
*Arnold Roylance	1920	Springville, Utah	Attorney
Mary Elmer	1921-25	Garland, Utah	FERA Instr.
Iver Heeding	1921	Salt Lake City	Unemployed
Blanche Lamb	1921-25	Toquerville	FERA Teacher
Blanche Nelson	1921	Los Angeles	Chair-caner

Lyle Thomas	1921-25	Plain City, Utah	Farm laborer
Lois Anderson-Heeding	1923	Salt Lake City	Wife
Lavern Jeffs	1923-27	Salt Lake City	Housekeeper
Ruby Wheeler	1923	Los Angeles, Calif.	Wife
Katheryn Anderson	1924-28	Salt Lake City	Wife
*Tessie Newton	1924-28	Salt Lake City	FERA Instr.
Walter Peterson	1925	Ogden, Utah	Laborer
Cecil Christensen	1926	Salt Lake City	Musican
Randle Christensen	1926	Fountain Green	Stockman
Joseph Ellison	1926	Reno, Nevada	Unemployed
Elva Johnson	1926	Lyndyl, Utah	At home
*James Kastris	1926-30	McGill, Utah	Musician
Dewell Wheeler	1926	Ogden, Utah	FERA Instr.
Hannah Elmer	1930-34	Marriott, Utah	Unemployed
†Margaret Hale	1930-34	Salt Lake City	Student
Ruth Stevenson	1930-34	Farmington, Utah	Wife
†Joe Hargreaves	1934	Reno, Nevada	
†Dee Christensen	1935	Magna, Utah	Workshop
†George Galmas	1935	Price, Utah	Student
†Sidney Swink	1935	Price, Utah	Student
†Donald Crawford	1937	Ferron, Utah	Student
†Elaine Bagley	1937	Richfield, Utah	Student
†Virginia Woodbury	1937	St. George, Utah	Student
†Alice Martin	1937	Ogden, Utah	Student
†Douglas Christensen	1938	Magna, Utah	Student
†Fred Haviland	1938	Rock Springs, Wyo.	Student
†Donald Perry	1938	Magna, Utah	Student

*College graduates or specialized college training.

†These students have completed the eighth grade, or ninth grade, and are in the public schools, or have completed public high school.

‡Deceased.